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SUBJECT: CHAT CHAI VISIT TO DIEGO GARCIA

REF: (A) STATE 228592 (B) LONDON 13648 (C) BANGKOK 16860

1. WE MENTIONED IN REF (B) THAT WE HAD PASSED SUBSTANCE PARA 11 REF (A) TO FCO. JACKSON OF FCO TOLD US OCT 24 THAT UK IS TROUBLED THAT WHAT THEY HAD THOUGHT OF AS AN UNPUBLICIZED VISIT TO DIEGO GARCIA NOW SEEMS TO BE TURNING INTO EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE -- AT LEAST IN THE EYES OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI. JACKSON SAID THAT THE TIME IS NOT RIGHT FOR THE UK FOR SUCH A WELL-PUBLICIZED VISIT BECAUSE OF SEVERAL OUTSTANDING ISSUES (COMMENT: WE ASSUME JACKSON WAS REFERRING TO THE IMMINENT COMPLETION OF THE UK DEFENSE REVIEW AND THE PRESENT CONTROVERSY IN UK ABOUT A ROYAL NAVY SHIP VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HAS BEEN LINKED WITH THE INDIAN OCEAN AND DIEGO GARCIA).

2. MAIN POINT, JACKSON SAID, IS THAT TIME FOR VISIT IS NOT RIGHT. HE SAID UK IS NOT OPPOSED TO VISIT IN PRINCIPLE AND EXPECTS RESERVATIONS MIGHT WELL BE ELIMINATED

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IN FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE. IN VIEW OF ABOVE WE STRONGLY
CONCUR WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK RECOMMENDATION PARA 6 REF (C).

3. JACKSON SAID HE WILL RAISE SUBJECT OF VISIT DURING
US/UK CONSULTATIONS ON INDIAN OCEAN IN WASHINGTON OCT 28-
29. WE STILL HAVE NO RESPONSE FROM FCO ON Q'S AND A'S IN
REF (A) BUT WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS WITH JACKSON'S
OFFICE.

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